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Column One

BY

David Courtney

NOW is the season of crisis. The voice of the General Zionists, lifted in wrath against the voice of Mapai, is heard in the land; not to mention the voice of Mapam, which is sadly cracked. The annual phenomenon of crisis may be due, like so much else, to the rising of the Nile, from which quarter there has come, indeed, much vexation, which has itself risen to crisis proportions; but not seriously or urgently enough to put out of countenance the annual domestic crisis, which is, one supposes, a brave fulfilment of the slogan: "Business as usual."

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ANYWAY, here it is: the annual festival of Party indignation. It may or may not have its origin in the rising of the Nile: there are other possibilities. It usually coincides, for example, with the school holidays, when parents are cruelly put upon, and the children no less. For if the voice of the politician is heard in the land at this season, lifted in wrath, so, lifted in lamentation, is the voice of the child. It seems to rise in whimpering grief from every pot-holed pavement and littered open space in the nation's capital, as though holidays were a burdensome, fretful thing. What more natural, then, that grown-ups, whether of Mapai or the General Zionists or Mapam or the four per cent bracket, should be fretful, too.

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WHETHER due to the rising of the Nile or the affliction of school holidays, it is evident that the annual crisis has come to be one of the most firmly-rooted festivals of the national calendar. It goes back long before thermonuclear experiments began in New Mexico, Bikini and Siberia, which have been the cause of many misfortunes, from heavy rainfall to a new kind of influenza virus. It must indeed, be recognized for what it is: a national institution, one of those fine traditions like the Jerusalem Municipality or the Guelphs and Ghibellines of Ein Harod by which a nation is distinguished from other nations.

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NATIONAL festivals mean the same, of course, whatever may be chosen to give them expression: the ballet may be the central point of a celebration one year, the theatre another, the egg-and-spoon race or a march-past of the army on the next occasion. At this particular event, in the year 1954, as the Nile rises and the holidaying children whimper because they have nothing better to do, the four per cent electoral reform clause of the coalition agreement is, so to speak, the heart of the matter, the big occasion, the totem-pole around which the politicians will dance to the confounding of all other crises which may, at this time, beset the land. After all, the other crises were made in Cairo, Washington, Amman, London. They were imposed on the State against its will. The four per cent crisis, in the tradition of the annual occasion, is a national affair true to the spirit of the land and its people, who may thus rejoice in the wry fashion this particular expression of the sovereign will deserves.

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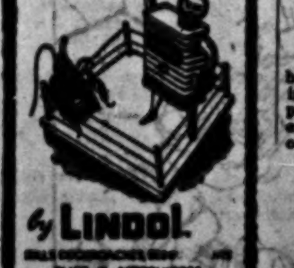
THE event this year has a sacrificial flavour, or will have if some of the organisers of the celebrations have their way; for the idea of the four per cent clause is to sacrifice the political pygmies of the land so that their spirits, or at any rate their votes, may enter into the bodies of the big in stature and make them still bigger. It is a novel idea. The difficulty is to get the pygmies to co-operate. What we can be sure of is that the two giants will set upon each other in the manner characteristic of allies, thus ensuring that the tradition of the annual festival is truly maintained and that the people, who might otherwise grow to think their legislators men of exceptional wits, with a profound sense of public duty, and above the general run of men, are preserved at least from that illusion.

Jerusalem, August 18.

Hassuna to Tour Levant

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Abdel Khalek Hassuna, will leave Thursday on a tour of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, after which he will return to Cairo to participate in meetings of the Arab Political Committee beginning on September 7, NEABS reports.

Hassuna announced yesterday that the meetings will not continue for more than five days. Following the meetings he will proceed to New York where he will represent the Arab League in the U.N. General Assembly, NEABS [illegible]



Coalition United In Passing Tax Law

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Unmarked by the Cabinet crisis that had ruffled its final discussion in Committee, the amended Income Tax Law passed its Second and Third Readings in the Knesset at a late hour last night with the support of all Coalition Parties.

No major changes were introduced in the Law by the Finance Committee which had been studying it since the First Reading in March. It is now provided that the Minister of Finance shall publish full lists of assessments within 12 months of the end of each fiscal year; the concept of higher education has been broadened to admit more students, and the total tax deduction for three children has been restored to IL.150 (the proposal had envisaged IL.135), with IL.90 for the first two children, instead of IL.70, as before.

Monday's storm in the Finance Committee arose over the counter-proposals to the Government's suggestion to exempt employed persons' cost-of-living allowances from tax, as these do not represent a genuine increase in income. A proposal raised in the Finance Committee some time ago by Mr. S. Bejerano (General Zionist) that the basic personal untaxed allowance should be further increased from the present IL.630 in accordance with the cost-of-living allowances, was rejected at the time by the Coalition, and dropped by his Party, but tabled as an opposition amendment by Mr. Y. Bader (Herut). In his support of the amendment yesterday Mr. Bader said that he had in fact supported such a scheme as long as two years ago.

Discipline Rejected

With the General Zionists' decision to reject Coalition discipline, a last-minute attempt was made to revive the amendment, but this was ruled out of order by the Knesset Committee yesterday morning.

Last night, Mr. Bader made the most of his opportunity to show up the difficulties inherent in a coalition government which requires parties to compromise, and pointed out that the General Zionists would now either have to vote against his amendment, which they had themselves tried to force through the previous evening, or to vote for an Opposition amendment.

In the event, the General Zionists achieved a careful degree of neutralism, and abstained both on the amendment and on the majority proposal. In the final reading of the bill as a whole, they voted with the rest of the Government.

Mr. Bader also said that he considered the tax started at a much lower level than in other countries and protested against what he claims are the excessively generous exemptions granted to kibbutzim.

In reply, Mr. I. Guri stated that the committee intended to reconsider the entire subject at the beginning of the next session.

Kibbutz Taxes

Up to the end of 1953/54 kibbutzim had paid a total of IL.750,000 in addition to IL.250,000 in income tax advances. He said that any farmer earning less than IL.2,100 a year was exempt from income tax, and kibbutzim also benefitted from this clause.

After the vote Dr. A. Stupp, General Zionist, made a statement saying that his party could not support a clause which discriminated between various groups of workers. He claimed that while last year an employed man with a wife and two children, with an income of IL.3,000, paid IL.398 in income tax, a self-employed man in the same circumstances paid IL.578. This year they would pay IL.282 and IL.527 respectively.

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Eshkol, then made a one-sentence announcement "The draft bill sent to the Knesset was approved by all the members of the Cabinet."

7 American Labour Leaders Arrive

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A seven-man American labour delegation arrived here today for a week's visit at the invitation of the Histadrut Executive.

They are Messrs. Phil Hanna, Ohio, Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of Labour, a former Under-Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labour; Mr. William Griffin, Seattle, Washington, Vice-President AFL Council, Mr. Albert Lunceford, Los Angeles, Secretary-Treasurer, Congress of Industrial Organizations Council; William Snoots, Vice-President International Union of Electrical Workers, CIO; Ray Dryer, Vice-President, Communications Workers, CIO; Roy Siemiller, Vice-President Brotherhood of Machinists, AFL; and Harry Block, Secretary-Treasurer CIO Council Pennsylvania.

At a dinner given for the visitors at the Histadrut Executive building this evening, Mr. M. Namir, Secretary General of the Histadrut asked them to see the country with unbiased eyes and judge for themselves. Mr. Siemiller and Mr. Lunceford responded to the toasts.

BONN LEGATION IN JORDAN

The West German Government has decided to open a Legation in Amman, Radio Ramallah reported yesterday. The Bonn Government will then establish a consulate in the Old City.

FOUR PAPERS BANNED

The Jordan Government has banned four weekly newspapers and a monthly for allegedly having continuously attacked the Government of Tewfik Abu el-Huda, Radio Ramallah reported yesterday.

Mapam Rump to Meet On Reorganization

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Mapam Central Committee now comprising only Hashomer Hatzair members is to meet here tomorrow to decide on a date for a General Council meeting on organizational reform. The reform was delayed ever since Mapam was formed, six years ago, because of the opposition of Le'ahdut Ha'avodah. A final draft was prepared by a joint committee last year, but has not been presented for approval yet. The reform stipulates that no factions are to be permitted in the party.

Le'ahdut Ha'avodah and Poalei Zion Smol will hold a rally of local representatives of the party on Saturday week, when the bases of the new party are to be outlined by Mr. I. Tabenkin, Mr. I. Ben Aharon, Mr. I. Bar Yehuda, Mr. M. Erem, and others. A date for the Foundation Convention has not yet been set, *The Jerusalem Post* learned. Meanwhile, internal rallies are being held by party branches, and public meetings are scheduled in Tel Aviv and Haifa next Saturday.

Dividing Property

A joint committee will start work tomorrow to divide Mapam property between the two factions. The property consists mostly of the party clubhouses, some of which existed before the merger. Mapam's daily newspaper Al Hamishmar, which is published by a Hashomer Hatzair owned press, remains the majority's asset.

Fairly good personal relations have been noted so far in the few contacts made since the split on Sunday night. The minority's desks in Mapam offices on Rehov Yehudah Halevi have been untouched for many weeks now, as Le'ahdut Ha'avodah leaders stopped coming since the Haifa Council decision to suspend "Lamerchav."

"Lamerchav", the fortnightly, whose publication opened the breach between the two factions, will reappear on Thursday. It will be the official weekly of Le'ahdut Ha'avodah, while possibilities of a daily paper are being investigated. Le'ahdut Ha'avodah have opened a bureau at 18, Rehov Maze in Tel Aviv.

Histadrut Representation

Nothing definite is yet known on the Histadrut representation of Mapam. In the Central Committee, Mr. Beri Repetur represents Le'ahdut Ha'avodah, while Mr. B. Lin represents Hashomer Hatzair. The third Mapam member, Mr. F. Bendori, has been ill for a long time.

Both parties claim they command the majority of Mapam's following, of which nearly 60 per cent live in towns. The real distribution of forces, however, will be evident only when the elections to the Histadrut Convention are held. These are not expected to take place before the spring of 1955.

Nahman Returning

The Israel fishing boat Nahman, which was seized by Syrian naval units on Sunday outside Syrian territorial waters, was released yesterday afternoon from the port of Latakia and was permitted, together with its six member crew, to proceed to Haifa, the Army spokesman has announced.

The Nahman is expected in Haifa Port about noon today. She left Syrian waters at 1 p.m. yesterday, after being escorted by a Syrian naval vessel.

"The Syrians have treated us better than we expected," the trawler signalled in a message picked up in Jaffa. They said they were interviewed by Damascus Radio for a broadcast in its Hebrew Hour.

UN Queries Communists On More Korean PoW's

PANMUNJOM, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.N. Command today asked the Communists for a "more complete accounting" of 2,840 U.N. prisoners captured during the Korean war, who it claims, are still in Communist captivity.

A revised list handed to the Communists, contains the names of 526 Americans, 265 S. Koreans, 19 British, 10 Canadians, nine Europeans, eight South Africans, four Turks, three from Belgium and Luxembourg, two Colombians and a Greek.

Egypt-Israel Peace In Making—'Newsweek'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — "Newsweek" reports, under a Cairo dateline, "It won't make headlines for a while but a final peace pact between Egypt and Israel actually seems to be in the making.

"Since Britain agreed to pull out of the Suez area, Egyptian officials have assured Washington and London that they intend to "normalise" their relations with Israel," concludes the report.

MAC Fails to Blame Egypt for Sabotage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission today failed to attribute to Egypt the blame for blowing up the Mekorot water-pipe close to Nir on August 12. It blamed Israel, however, for the blowing up of a motor pump in Gaza four days later.

Israel was also blamed because two cars advanced 150 metres inside Egyptian territory, although the frontier is not marked at the spot. An Israel complaint that an Egyptian military position opened automatic fire on an Israel patrol this side of the international frontier on August 12 failed to gain the chairman's vote.

The chairman, Lt.-Colonel C. G. Bartholdy, held that there was not enough evidence to link Egypt with the blowing up of the water-pipe, as the tracks were washed out by the stream of water 300 metres short of the demarcation line. The pipe was blown up 800 metres from the demarcation line, and the Israel delegation stressed that serious damage was caused, 130 cubic metres of earth blown away and two-and-a half cubic m. of concrete were found at a distance of at least 30 metres. The Israel complaint said that the sabotage was an "aggressive and warlike act by an Egyptian trained gang."

3 km. Inside Egypt

The resolution submitted by Egypt on the Gaza incident, said that an Israel military or para-military force advanced about three kilometres inside Egyptian-controlled territory, "blowing up a motor pump with blocks of TNT, causing the destruction of both engine and building, killing the mechanic of the engine by putting ten bullets through his back and head, and injuring an Egyptian soldier in the left leg with a bullet." The MAC decided that this was a violation of the Armistice.

The Commission, the resolution added, "notices with great concern the utmost disregard by Israel of the General Armistice Agreement," and "calls upon the Israel delegation to ask the Israel authorities to prevent in the future such aggressive action as will cause border tension."

The results of today's meeting,

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Anti-Semitic Pickets Outside White House

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — Pickets, bearing violently anti-Semitic signs, marched in front of the White House yesterday and distributed literature which said "Free America from Jews" and "Vote anti-Jewish."

The late afternoon picket line established itself in front of the Executive Mansion and displayed signs which called on President Eisenhower to help Senator McCarthy against "Jew-Communists and the Jew-controlled Press." Other signs read "Jewish-led NACCP and Jewish B'nei B'riths aided the Supreme Court to ban segregation."

The pickets said they represented the "Christian Anti-Jewish Party," organized in Atlanta, Georgia, by a man called Stoner. Many passers-by appeared embarrassed by the crude slogans carried by the handful of men and women pickets. A special police detail stood by and the picketing was allowed to continue. No violence occurred. Secret Service agents observed developments as pickets marched a few feet from the White House entrance.

Application forms distributed by the agitators said "No Cowards Wanted" and spelled out their programme as one to "Send the Jew Devils back." The form openly said: "When Jews are gone we Americans will own rich America."

AFTER MIDNIGHT

President Eisenhower yesterday nominated Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., son of former President Herbert Hoover, to be the Undersecretary of State succeeding Mr. Walter Bedell Smith.

Red Cross to Distribute US Food

GENEVA, Tuesday. — The League of Red Cross societies announced today that an agreement had been signed in East Berlin for the distribution of American food supplies to East German victims of the Danube floods.

The agreement was signed last night between representatives of the League and of the East German Red Cross following an offer by President Eisenhower to give large quantities of American surplus food to victims of the Danube floods in East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. East Germany accepted first, followed by Hungary.

Czechoslovakia announced her acceptance "with thanks" in a Prague Radio broadcast last night.

The East German authorities will provide free customs entry, transportation, warehousing and protection for the American supplies under last night's agreement. Distribution will be carried out by volunteers of the East German Red Cross in collaboration with the League's delegates under the emblem of the Red Cross only and in conformity with Red Cross principles.

A League delegation will also be sent to Budapest to draw up a distribution agreement with the Hungarian Red Cross.

US House, Senate Pass Bill Banning Communist Party

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Congress today went on record overwhelmingly in favour of legislation to outlaw the Communist Party by stripping it of its legal standing and making membership a crime.

The Senate passed the Bill, 81 to 1, after toughening up an Administration-favoured House version.

Then the House, on a standing vote of 208 to 100, voted to send the Bill to a Senate-House conference with instructions that the Senate amendments be accepted. Technically, this means that both the House and Senate will have to act on the measure again after the conference report, before the Bill goes to the White House for Presidential action.

Before today's House action the Senate amended a Bill adopted yesterday by the House by including a provision banning the Communist Party. The House would have stripped the Party of its legal rights, but would not ban membership in it.

It was described as acceptable to the Administration which has opposed outlawing the Party. Senator Hubert Humphrey (Democrat) called the House members a "powder puff approach" and offered the amendment to make members of the Communist Party subject to five years in jail and a $10,000 fine.

Before the vote on Mr. Humphrey's amendment the Senate approved amendments by Senator John Butler (Republican) to tighten restrictions against Communist-infiltrated trade unions.

At his news conference today, President Eisenhower said that the Communist Party should be recognized as a conspiracy and not as a political party. In this sense the Party had no place on American election ballots, he added. *(UP, Reuter)*

US Senate Votes Death For Peace-Time Spies

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). The Senate passed by voice vote last night a bill to authorize the death penalty for peace-time espionage, despite assertions that the measure is a needless "scarecrow."

The bill, part of the Administrations anti-subversive programme, also repeals the 10-year statute of limitations on espionage cases. Another provision requires persons trained in espionage or sabotage by any foreign country to register with the Attorney-General.

The Senate action sent the bill back to the House, which passed it earlier, for concurrence in Senate changes.

Sen. Wayne Morse (Independent) called it a "scarecrow bill" that is not needed. He termed it "part of the hysteria which is whipping up a frenzy among the people over sabotage and espionage."

Portuguese Ship Fires on Tiracol

BOMBAY, Tuesday — A Portuguese cruiser opened fire and landed troops under cover of machineguns to recapture the port of Tiracol from nationalist groups who had earlier seized it on Sunday, according to Indian newspaper reports today. In Lisbon, the Overseas Ministry confirmed that Tiracol had been recovered, but by police not marines.

The Portuguese said that there was no bombardment but that the vessel Bartolomeu Dias was simply saluting the re-raising of the Portuguese flag. The Press Trust of India said it was presumed the warship fired blanks since no damage was reported, but other Indian reports insisted the shelling lasted an hour and a half.

Tiracol is a small enclave of about four square miles on Goa's northern border and separate from the main territory by a 200-metre wide river.

Dr. Paulo Cunha, Portuguese Foreign Minister, today declared it had been made clear to the world in unmistakeable fashion that there were not either inside or outside Portuguese India, any appreciable number of people in favour of meeting the Portuguese territories with India. He said the Portuguese would reply in New Delhi today regarding the latest Indian Note and that he expected agreement would be reached with India on certain questions.

New Delhi radio said today that a meeting of the "Goan liberation movement" held to consider next steps was told that 5,000 Goan volunteers were ready to march into Portuguese territory. *(UP, Reuter)*

US Would Use Fleet to Stop Invasion of Formosa — Ike

1953 Orders to Defend Isle Stand

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower told reporters today that any invasion of Formosa would have to "run over" the American 7th Fleet. His orders issued early in 1953 for the 7th Fleet to defend Formosa, headquarters of the Chinese Nationalists, from any attack by Communist China were still in force, he said.

A correspondent asked the President what would happen if the Communists attack Formosa in force. The President replied by recalling his 1953 instructions to the 7th Fleet which he said reaffirmed orders which had been in effect since 1950.

(President Truman after the outbreak of the Korean War ordered the 7th Fleet to prevent the use of the waters between Formosa and the Chinese mainland for an attack.)

Asked whether the United States would use other forces if the Communists attacked Formosa, Mr. Eisenhower replied that this had not been brought up.

Nationalists Confident

In Washington, diplomatic officials said that Nationalist China is fairly confident that negotiations now in progress in Taipeh will result in a bi-lateral Sino-American security pact similar to those which the U.S. already has with Japan and Korea.

They said the best type of security alliance would be one in which the U.S. alone would be committed to the defence of Formosa. It was clear, they said, that it is not feasible to bring the Chinese Nationalists into any regional alliance. The Japanese, it was pointed out, are opposed to any alliance with Chiang Kai-shek because they eventually want to establish some link with Communist China.

Tunisian Premier In Paris for Talks

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Tunisian Prime Minister, Tahar Ben Ammar, and Minister of State, Mohammed Masmoudi, arrived here today for a two-day visit as official guests of the Government.

Ben Ammar will see Premier Mendes-France today and will begin discussions tonight on Tunisia's future relations with France. The talks will be attended by Masmoudi, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour, the French Resident-General in Tunisia, and M. Christian Fouchet, Minister for Tunisia and Morocco.

Tunisian Jewish leaders have formed a committee to make a detailed study of recommendations to the new Tunisian Government, it was reported in New York by the American Jewish Committee.

The recommendations will deal with the following:

1. Questions of representation in the elections and of civil basic human rights. 2. Assurances of non-discrimination in economics. 3. Support for Jewish schools. 4. Freedom of religion and status of the rabbinical courts. 5. Government support for various social welfare activities now being carried on by the Jewish community with Government aid. 6. Emigration and free circulation both of persons and goods in the French Union.

The A.J.C. report is based on information received from its European director, Mr. Zacharia Shuster, who has just returned to Paris from Tunis where he conferred with Jewish leaders there. Mr. Shuster was told by Premier Tahar Ben Ammar that there will be no discrimination of any kind against Jews in his country. *(Reuter, INA)*

Britain Rules Out Chiang from SEATO

LONDON, Tuesday (UP). — Britain practically barred Chiang Kai-shek from the Southeast Asia defence pact today with an official Foreign Office explanation that "Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific do not include the island of Formosa."

A Foreign Office spokesman said that "it has never been contemplated" to include consideration of Formosa in the forthcoming conference in the Philippines to set up SEATO. He denied that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has ever proposed including Formosa under the protective wings of the SEATO.

Moscow Radio said last night that "the Baguio conference is remarkable, not so much for the list of those taking part in it, but for those who refused to take part. Chairs round the conference table allocated to India, Indonesia, Burma, and Ceylon, that is the chief countries of Southeast Asia, will remain empty."

Vyshinsky in Paris En Route to U.S.

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, arrived here today by Soviet military plane from Moscow on his way back to the U.S., where he will head the Soviet delegation to the U.N.

No Re-Ratification — Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — President Eisenhower at his news conference today said he would deplore any changes in the European Defence Community Treaty which would require re-ratification by the countries which have already completed such legislative action.

He declined to discuss French Premier Pierre Mendes-France's proposals for revision of the E.D.C. treaty; but said he does not think it is the purpose of M. Mendes-France in setting forth his proposed modification of the treaty to require other countries to go through legislative processes again.

The E.D.C. is the only way West Germany could be brought into a concert of European nations without creating additional tensions, he said. *(UP, Reuter)*

WILEY FOR EUROPE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Senator Alexander Wiley, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, said today that he would leave today for talks with French and British Government officials at the request of the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles.

He is to discuss the prospects for French and Italian ratification of the European Defence Community Treaty.

Mr. Wiley said that the U.S. cannot discount Europe's fear of Russia's hydrogen bomb, and added that there is "some justification" for Europeans trying to find a peaceful solution to world tensions. However, he said, the U.S. is not sure that a "peaceful co-existence" policy with Russia would work.

Mr. Wiley will first visit France for talks with Premier Pierre Mendes-France, and will then fly to London. He does not plan to visit Italy, but will visit Holland for discussions on E.D.C. before attending the Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings in Vienna from August 27 to September 2. *(UP, Reuter)*

Rhee Calls on Army To Prepare for War

SEOUL, Tuesday (UP). — President Syngman Rhee called upon his army today to continue "rigorous training" for a drive north against the Communists to unify South Korea. He said South Korean soldiers might be required to fight "single-handedly" should the United Nations not help them.

The North Koreans had built or re-built 36 airfields in North Korea since the armistice, President Rhee added. He said, however, that the northern military build-up was not the reason South Korea asked for military expansion, but because of "our rightful fight for unification."

Mendes-France Off To Brussels

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — Premier Pierre Mendes-France decided today to leave for Brussels ahead of schedule to convince France's partners that his compromise formula will not torpedo German rearmament. Sources close to the French Cabinet said he wants an extra half-day to sound out opinion in the Belgian capital before the European Army conference opens on Thursday.

When he leaves tomorrow morning, the French Premier will be accompanied by Finance Minister Edgar Faure, Industry and Commerce Minister Maurice Bourges-Maunoury who is a firm E.D.C. advocate, and State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Guerin de Beaumont.

M. Mendes-France faces the hardest test of his two-month career as French governmental chief at Brussels. The British

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Churchill Talks With Officials on EDC

LONDON, Tuesday. — Sir Winston Churchill today called a conference of high officials including Britain's envoys to France and Russia to discuss the present situation of the proposed European Defence Community at his country home at Chartwell.

The Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Hayter, who is in London on leave and the Ambassador to Paris, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who was on holiday in Austria when he was called to London urgently yestreday — dined with Churchill tonight after a day of consultations at the Foreign Office.

Diplomatic quarters said that the questions discussed were:

1) The prospects of E.D.C. in the face of adverse reactions to the amendments to the treaty proposed by France. There has been no official British reaction to these amendments, but unofficial reaction has not been unfavourable. However, Britain's main concern is to see the early establishment of E.D.C. to strengthen Western defence. 2) The Western reply to Soviet proposals for a four-power meeting on Germany and a European security agreement. Official opinion in Britain has

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Social & Personal

Mr. Y. Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, received yesterday Professor Joseph Melnick, noted epidemiology expert, of Yale University, who is here at the invitation of the Israel Defence Forces' Medical Research Institute. Accompanying him were Mrs. Melnick, their daughter and senior officers of the Institute.

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The Minister of Development and Mrs. Dov Joseph received the Women's Israel Bond delegation at their home in Jerusalem last night. Dr. Joseph discussed with the group development projects.

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Mr. P. Bernstein, Minister of Commerce and Industry, yesterday received Messrs. M. Silverston, A. S. Cohen, L. Rutenberg and M. Bejerano of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce. They discussed the future of trade with Britain.

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ARRIVALS

Mr. Moshe Bartal, Labour Attache at the Israel Embassy in London, for a short home leave. Inspector Y. Kanner, of Tel Aviv Police, by El Al, from a two-month mission to the U.S. on b half of the police force.

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Mr. Y. Ilsar, of the West European Division of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, left by SAS for a routine tour of Israel missions abroad.

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The Austrian Commercial Delegate and Mrs. Heinrich C. Katz left by SAS on Tuesday morning for leave in Austria.

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Mr. A. Himsley of "The Permutite Company Limited" has arrived by B.O.A.C. for a short visit to the country.

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Dr. Eliezer Mishkin, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at the Haifa Technion, who at present holds a Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the sponsorship of the Boston Stein Club, has been appointed Assistant Professor at M.I.T. for the remaining year of his stay at the American school.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Ada Bartlett

Mrs. Ada Bartlett, late of Israel, widow of Henry Bartlett, died on Sunday, August 8, 1954, at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, Ealing, London, at the age of 83.

Nurses Graduate

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The first group of practical nurses, who underwent a year's training at Malben's nursing school at Sha'ar Menashe, graduated today. The school, established 15 months ago, is the only one in the country which trains nurses specifically in the care of the handicapped and chronic patients. A further 16 students received their certificates at the graduation ceremony today, having received training at Malben's hospitals for chronic patients at Mahane Yisrael and Acre.

Today's ceremony took place in Malben's "Village of the Aged," at Sha'ar Menashe, to which two hospitals for 300 chronic patients, as well as the nursing school, are attached. The village spells home to 1,260 healthy but aged immigrants, who have no means of their own and no relatives able to take care of them.

Where to go

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★ Exhibitions:—

Chalcolithic Exhibition "Craftsmanship at the Dawn of History." Pascin watercolours and drawings. Exhibit of the month "Pottery" watercolours by Paul Klee. Three panels "Views of Old Jerusalem" National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tel Abu Matar, near Beersheba, including various finds from a Chalcolithic and Middle Bronze mass tomb near Tell Amwir, Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6.

★ Library:—

American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-12, 3-6 p.m.

★ Tours:—

Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—

Paintings by Menna Katz, also "Modern French Art", exhibition of colour reproductions, Museum, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

★ Theatre: —

Chamber Theatre, summer recess until Sept. 6, 1954.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—

Modern Mexican Graphic. Municipal Museum of Art, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

★ Concerts:—

Haifa Orchestra: Bach, Avidom, Dvorak — Gan Ha'em — Central Carmel — 9 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre:—

Do-Re-Mi, "Silva, The Csardas Princess," Rama Hall, 8.30 p.m.

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★ Theatre:—

Habimah, "The Golem", 8.30 p.m.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 4.30, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

ARNON: Pick-up.
EDEN: Flynn's Adventure
EDISON: Arena.
OGIL: [illegible]
ORION: From Here to Eternity, 2nd. week.
ORNA: I'll Be Seeing You
STUDIO: A Streetcar Named Desire, 2nd week.
ZION: [illegible]

2 British Battalions Leave Canal Zone

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Two battalions of British troops embarked at Port Said for Britain today in the first stage of the evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone.

The two battalions — of the First South Lancashire Regiment and the Second Parachute Regiment — were accompanied by other minor units.

As they embarked, an Egyptian spokesman said, Anglo-Egyptian committees were working out the final details of the evacuation agreement and would conclude their work in about a week's time. The agreement will be signed in early September, he said.

Units of marine commandoes have already sailed for Malta from the Canal Zone.

Reliable Egyptian sources said that the evacuation would be completed in five stages, each occupying four months and altogether covering the 20-month period stipulated in the Anglo-Egyptian agreement.

Packard, Studebaker Car Firms Merge

DETROIT, Tuesday (UP). — Packard and Studebaker stockholders merged the automobile industry's last two independent manufacturers today in the hope the combination would weld the two struggling companies into one healthy firm.

Packard stockholders approved the merger in a meeting here, while Studebaker stockholders gave their approval at Wilmington, Delaware.

The action completed a move toward combines in the automobile field which has gradually squeezed the total number of automobile builders from 1,800 firms over the years into six. It left the industry without an independent firm for the first time in history.

The new merger left the industry with a "big three" of Ford, General motors and Chrysler Corporation and a "little three" of Studebaker-Packard, American Motors and Kaiser-Willys. American motors is te combine of Nash-Kelvinator and Hudson.

Indonesia Appealing to UN Over W. New Guinea

DJAKARTA, Tuesday (UP). — Indonesia will take its demand for Western New Guinea to the U.N. General Assembly, President Soekarno officially announced today.

"We have asked that the question be discussed in the General Assembly," the leader of the 80,000,000 Indonesians said during a speech commemorating the 9th anniversary of Indonesia's declaration of independence from the Dutch, who still hold Western New Guinea.

Mr. Soekarno declared "we now ask all nations to witness the fact that Holland unilaterally violated an agreement it formally signed." He used his nation's claim as a basis for a general attack on colonialism which he called "a pain in the eye" that must be wiped out.

Ike Signs Bill For Huge Tax Reductions

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower today signed and made law a gigantic tax revision bill carrying $1,363m. in tax reductions for millions of individuals and nearly all corporations in its first year.

Mr. Eisenhower said the measure was part of a comprehensive tax programme which, since January 1 of this year, would "have provided for tax cuts totalling $7,400m — the largest tax cut in any year in the nation's history."

The Democrats are expected to attack the measure in the forthcoming election campaign as a benefit chiefly to big corporations and wealthy people.

More Virgin Land For Development in USSR

MOSCOW, Tuesday. — Soviet officials have decided to order further development of "virgin and idle" land with the purpose of increasing grain production, the TASS news agency announced today.

TASS said the decision to increase the production of wheat was made by the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Council of Ministers.

The Central Committee said this year's quota was to sow 2,300,000 hectares of virgin and idle land to wheat, but that 3,600,000 were actually sowed by collective farms overfulfilling the quota by 160%, and state farms 178%.

GUTTED. — One of Japan's most famous historical buildings, the Kogosho palace in Kyoto, western Japan, on Monday was destroyed by fire believed to have been started by fireworks from a nearby bonfire festival.

Gen. Burns, new T.S.O. Chief of Staff (left), talks with U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjoeld in New York before leaving for the Middle East.

Burns Confers With Lloyd on M.E.

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Major-General Edeson Burns of Canada, the new chief of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, today discussed questions connected with his new post with Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State.

Gen. Burns flew here yesterday from New York on his way to Jerusalem, where he is to arrive on Thursday. In New York he met representatives of Israel and the Arab countries and discussed with them some of the problems on the tense situation existing on Israel's frontiers with Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

Before taking over from his predecessor, Major-General Vagn Bennike of Denmark, Gen. Burns will accompany him on a visit to the capitals of several Arab countries.

Brazil's Air Minister Quits in Murder Scandal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Brigadier-General Nero Moura, the Air Minister, resigned last night in what is believed to be the second resignation directly connected with an assassination attempt on Mr. Carlos Lacerda, a journalist, on August 6.

An air force officer, Major Ruben Vaz, was shot dead in the attempt.

The first resignation was by the chief of police, General Moris Ancora, who failed to arrest the assailants within the 24-hour period set by Justice Minister Tancredo Neves.

Gen. Moura's resignation is widely believed to be due to his close personal friendship with President Vargas, whose son, Luthero, is allegedly implicated in the assassination attempt. A professional gunman, Joao Nascimento, is said to have confessed that Luthero hired him and two members of the President's personal bodyguard to kill Mr. Lacerda.

120 Guatemalan Cadets Held for Aug. 2 Revolt

GUATEMALA CITY, Tuesday (Reuter). — Cadets at the Military Academy here were disarmed within the academy building and arrested yesterday on charges of sedition and rebellion. This action followed their revolt against the "liberation forces" on August 2.

They are due to be tried within two or three days. Only three of the 150 cadets in the academy were not arrested.

Military cadets and officers on August 2 attacked the irregular "liberation" forces which Colonel Castillo Armas has led against ex-President Jacobo Arbenz. They said they had launched their attack to redeem the honour of the regular army.

The rebellion ended on August 4 and several regular army officers were later arrested.

Yugoslav Consular Clerk Asks to Stay in Australia

CANBERRA, Tuesday (Reuter) — Marijan Stanicic, a clerk in the Yugoslav Consulate in Sydney, who has been recalled home, has asked to remain in Australia.

Mr. Stanicic was to have sailed for Yugoslavia on the steamer Neptunia on August 14, but cancelled his berth.

The Australian Minister of Immigration, Mr. Howard Beale, said today that Stanicic had been advised to make the application for continued residence as an immigrant. It is understood that unless Australian security men draw up an adverse report, his application will be favourably considered.

A question of political asylum is not involved and Stanicic has made no allegations that his life or liberty would be endangered if he returned to Yugoslavia, it is reported here.

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Bonn Acting Minister Was Captain in Himmler's SS

BONN, Tuesday (INA). — The Minister Without Portfolio, Mr. Waldemar Kraft, of the B.H.E. Refugee Party, named acting Interior Minister during the absence from here of Dr. Gerhard Schroeder who left for a vacation of uncertain duration, held the rank of Captain in the S.S., Himmler's black-shirted elite guard. The S.S. was branded a criminal organization by the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg.

Mr. Kraft, who now holds the most important and powerful domestic political office in West Germany as guardian of West German constitutional order, was also a member of the Nazi party. After the capitulation of Germany in 1945, the generally lenient British authorities adjudged him so dangerous a Nazi that they interned him for two years.

The S.S. captaincy was conferred on him a mere 10 weeks after the German Army overran Poland, of which country he was then citizen and resident. Born in 1898 of German parents near Poznan in what was then Prussian territory, he grew up to be the vocal leader of the German minority in Poland between the two world wars.

Recently 'Denazified'

It was only in early 1950 that he was "denazified" and was appointed Deputy Minister, then Minister of Finance in the State of Schleswig-Holstein. He was elected National Chairman of the B.H.E. Refugee Party and as part of the price which Chancellor Adenauer paid last year when he included this group in the Bonn coalition, he was given one of the several Ministries Without Portfolio.

Two years ago he came out against the West German Reparations Agreement with Israel, but compared to some of his party colleagues he was considered a moderate. His appointment at the present juncture was described as a "blunder" in the official Press of the opposition Social Democratic Party which writes that it constitutes a "psychologically mistaken measure in view of the generally heard allegations about the resurrection of Nazism."

Eliashiv Gives Dinner For Soviet Minister

A dinner in honour of the Soviet Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Benediktov, was held by the Israel Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Dr. Shmuel Eliashiv, on the occasion of the visit of an Israel delegation to the All-Soviet Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow.

A lively discussion on the problems and development of agriculture in both countries took place during and after the dinner. Mr. Benediktov distributed mementoes to the members of the delegation and presentd a special gift to be given to the Israel Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Peretz Naphtali.

The Israel delegation is composed of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Y. Efrati, who is heading the delegation, Mr. S. Kinarti of Kibbutz Kinneret, and Mr. Efraim Glasin, of Petah Tikva.

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Tonight at 9 p.m.
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FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 9 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m. Turkish: 11.30 a.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon (R). 12.30 Opera Hour (R). 1.50 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Vocal Recital: Rivka Rosa-Cohen. 5.15 Working Woman. 5.35 Interlude (R). 5.35 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Scheme (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.55 Cantoral Request Programme (R). 8.00 Medicines that saved Millions. 8.35 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Building of the State. 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Light Music (R). 9.45 Vocal Recital: Betsy de la Porte. 10.15 Classical Request Programme: Piano Sonata No.2 "Moonlight" (Beethoven); Arabesque in C major (Schumann); "Carnaval" (Schumann). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

460, 228, 114, 49.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (38.8, 34.9 & 460 M.): French: 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 8.00 p.m. Yiddish: 8.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 12.00 p.m. News. 12.10 Agricultural Review. 12.15 Musical Greeting. 12.30 "The Week's News."

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 226 & 330 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Tomorrow's Bamahane. 7.35 "Rhapsody". 8.00 Musical Key. 8.30 News. 9.00 Information Please. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (24.80, 31.32, 30.32, 60.80 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News. News Talk; Youth Magazine.

VOICE OF AMERICA: English Broadcasts: (25.2, 19.6, 31.4 M.): 3.00-3.30 p.m. Repeated at 5.00-5.30 p.m. on 31.4 & 25.2 M.

Death Penalty Asked For Fatemi

TEHERAN, Tuesday (Reuter).—Hussein Fatemi, the former Foreign Minister, was today indicted on five counts of treason.

The Persian Army's Chief Prosecutor Brigadier-General Hussein Azmoudeh, who issued the indictment, demanded the death sentence.

Fatemi will be tried by court-martial because martial law still exists in Teheran as well as other vital areas here. He is charged with instructing Persian envoys abroad to ignore the Shah when the latter flew to Rome at the height of last August's clash between Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh and the royalists; making insulting speeches against the royal family; writing insulting newspaper articles against the royal family, and preparing to upset the Regency Council following the Shah's departure on August 16 last year and with cooperating with Communist elements to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republican regime under Mossadegh.

Fatemi

Two other leaders of last summer's uprising against the monarchy in Teheran — Dr. Alik Shayeghan and an engineer, Ahmad Razavi — also face the death penalty on similar charges and are due to face trial with Fatemi.

Fatemi was arrested on March 13 this year while he was sleeping in his hideout in the foothills near Teheran. A crowd mobbed a jeep carrying him to prison after his arrest. They half pulled him from his seat and a man stabbed him twice in the back. He recovered after blood transfusions.

4 IRA SUSPECTS HELD IN IRELAND

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Tuesday (Reuter). — Police today seized four young men armed with guns and explosives a few hours before Queen Elizabeth arrived here to launch a new ship.

The men were suspected of belonging to the Irish Republican Army, an illegal organisation pledged to wrest Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom and unite it with the Irish Republic.

They were arrested at Newry, about 70 kms. from Belfast.

First reports had said the men were seized on a road the Queen was to drive along on her way to the Harland & Wolff Shipyard to launch the 20,000 passenger liner Southern Cross.

Israel Admitted to Int'l Youth Hostelling Body

SAARBRUCKEN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The International Youth Hostelling Association in conference in Blieskastel, in Saarland, yesterday denied a South African application for membership because the association does not countenance racial segregation. It admitted Israel and Japan.

SUSAYEFF LEAVES FOR TURKISH TRADE FAIR

Mr. Z. Susayeff, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. M. A. Hirschberg, the Ministry spokesman, left yesterday for Turkey to be present at the international trade fair opening at Izmir on Friday. Israel has a large pavilion at the fair.

The officials were accompanied by five reporters and one photographer, representing the Israel Press.

BAKERS' CLAIMS

Representatives of the cooperative bakeries met yesterday with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, and advanced their arguments in favour of an increase in the price of bread.

Mr. Eshkol said he would con-

THURSDAY IS
FRONTPAGE DAY

Action Taken On Vegetable Prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter

To insure minimum vegetable prices, producers' and marketers' organizations, together with the Ministry of Agriculture, have set up two instruments — a minimum price fund and a committee on surpluses — the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said yesterday.

There will not be any considerable increase in the area planted to vegetables for local consumption in the next few years, it is believed in Ministry circles. This year 250,000 dunams were planted.

The expected increase of the area under irrigation will be devoted principally to industrial crops, mainly cotton and peanuts.

It is felt that Israel is entering a period when vegetable prices will not be high, and that farmers will be compelled to reduce costs by increasing labour efficiency and cutting down on the amount of water used.

Marketing Board

The formation of a vegetable production and marketing board with legal authority has been urgently recommended by the public committee appointed to study the methods of marketing agricultural produce, the spokesman said yesterday.

The committee was appointed jointly by the Ministers of Agriculture and of Commerce and Industry.

It is felt in Ministry of Agriculture circles that there is no problem of overproduction of vegetables, as alleged in some press reports, but rather of an unequal distribution of vegetables over the year. Much can be done in the way of growing vegetables during seasons now considered unsuitable, it was said.

World Aguda Council Meets in J'lem Today

The Israel section of the Central Council of World Agudat Yisrael is to meet in Jerusalem today to discuss a 21-point agenda dealing with the organization's current affairs.

It is learned that a resolution calling for an equal share of funds collected abroad is to be adopted, and that an arrangement governing the future existence of one or the other of the organization's newspapers, "Hakol" or "Hamodia," is to be discussed.

SAPHIR IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Israel Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir, arrived here today. He is on a goodwill mission at the invitation of the South African Zionist Federation.

AMERICAN PROFESSORS END STUDY TOUR

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Israel is the mirror of the Bible, in which the old and the new are reflected, and it is difficult to understand the Bible without knowledge of modern Hebrew literature, Professor A. Katsch, of New York University, said here today prior to departure by El Al for the U.S. He was leader of a group of 11 professors of Jewish religion and Hebrew from as many American universities, who toured the country for six weeks as part of a special study course. *(Itim)*

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Squabble Over Channel Swim

FOLKESTONE (England), Tuesday (UP). — A French police official dove into the squabble over a 26-year-old Turkish engineer's unheralded France-to-England Channel swim last night and said he personally and officially clocked the year's first crossing.

Rodolphe Lovergne, a police official of coastal Calais, spoke up for Istanbul swimmer Murat Guler against a swell of British doubts. The six-foot-two-inch engineer, who failed in two 1950 channel attempts, set out from Calais early Sunday and was back yesterday claiming to be the first successful Channel-crosser of the year.

Then he went to bed, 25 pounds lighter and mighty tired.

Guler said he managed the 22 miles in 17 hours, landed at St. Margaret's Bay on the English coast just before midnight, and headed homeward in a boat after failing to find any welcomers on the British beach.

Guler's crossing was likely to go into the record books as the least-advertised in years of noisy swimming publicity. There was not even a single photographer on shore awaiting him.

Lacking witnesses, the British Press headlined doubts that Guler actually finished the trip, although naval spotters saw him five miles from the goal.

Officials of the Channel Swimming Association here expressed a questioning atttiude, too. Then policeman Lovergne, who came to Folkestone to prepare for another swimmer's attempt later this week, spoke out.

"It's idiotic," said clocker Lovergne, instructor in physical education for the Calais police. "The crossing was verified just as it always is. Everything was perfectly routine."

Dodgers Rout Giants In 3-Game Sweep

BROOKLYN, Tuesday (UP). — The Brooklyn Dodgers, aided by homers by Duke Snider and Gil Hodges, made it virtually a "new" pennant race in the National League on Sunday when they routed the New York Giants 9-4, to complete a three-game sweep of their series and edge within one-half game of first place.

The Dodgers, who trailed the Giants by seven games on July 21, now have all but wiped out that deficit by winning 15 of 23 games since that date. The setback was the seventh in the last eighth for the skidding Giants, who hardly have looked like League-leaders since the all-Star game.

Willie Mays batted in his 37th homer of the season for the Giants. It was his first since July 28 and left him even with Babe Ruth's all-time record pace. Ruth also hit his 37th homer in his 114th game of the 1927 season.

For Hodges it was his 29th homer of the season and the 300th of his career, making 16 players in each League who have performed the feat.

Half Centuries By Gillon, Hurwitz

Ashkelon Cricket Team beat Timorim at Ashkelon by 38 runs (as briefly reported). Batting first, Ashkelon totalled 132, largely due to an opening partnership of a century between Gillon (51) and Hurwitz (50). Apart from Brown (17) the rest of the team had difficulty dealing with Chait, who took 7 for 26.

Meirowitz (21) and Eisenberg (19) batted steadily for Timorim, and the two Chait brothers (Tefka, 15 and Max, 35) hit out in a desperate effort to save the game, but they were unable to bring the total to more than 94. For Ashkelon, Hurwitz took 5 for 32 and Gillon 4 for 51.

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Cohen Arrives at Bangkok

BANGKOK, Tuesday (UP). — France's Robert Cohen has arrived here to fight Thai contender Chamroen Songkitrat for the world bantamweight crown.

The Cohen-Chamroen fight for the title left vacant by the retirement of Australia's Jimmy Carruthers, was scheduled for September 19.

Cohen told newsmen that he could not predict the outcome of the title fight but hoped the "stronger man will win." Both Cohen and Chamroen paid a call on Police Brigadier-General Pichi Kulvanich, promoter of the championship fight.

A good-size crowd welcomed the French boxer at the airport.

Sixteen Year Old Sets New Record

TOKYO, Tuesday (UP). — Sixteen-year-old Motoi Kihura, of Shikoku Island, set a new record as he won the Japanese men's 100-metre butterfly championship on Sunday.

His time of one minute 11.8 seconds bettered by six-tenths' second the former record of 1-12.4 minutes set by 1936 Olympic champion Tetsuo Hamuro in 1939.

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16 IMMIGRANTS from Bulgaria, three from Britain and two from South Africa arrived in Haifa in the s.s. Filipo Grimani yesterday. All are joining relatives in this country.

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THE AMERICAN CANTOR, Moshe Kussevitzky, will give his parting recital in this country tomorrow at 9 p.m. in the garden of the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv. The Minister of Posts, Dr. Yosef Burg, will greet the audience. The recital will consist of cantoral pieces as well as operatic selections.

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15 STUDENTS were graduated yesterday from the Vocational Sewing School in Jerusalem, an enterprise run by Iraqi Jewish Enterprises in Israel. The diplomas were awarded by Mr. Benjamin S. Sasson, M.K.

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A BOY OF 14 stabbed a boy of eight in a scuffle which started between sabra vendors in Jaffa yesterday. The victim was sent home after treatment.

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A BRANCH OF the Bank Leumi has been opened in 48 Derech Yaffo, Merkaz Mishari quarter, Haifa.

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JERUSALEM MAGEN DAVID Adom First Aid Station has no doctor on duty from seven p.m. to eight a.m., because M.D.A. income does not suffice to employ enough personnel. The night-doctor was dispensed with on May 1. Volunteer First Aid workers man the post overnight, and direct serious casualties to a hospital. One ambulance driver takes the nightshift, instead of the minimum of two drivers needed.

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A "GOOD Film" club is being organized in Tel Aviv by the daily press cinema critics, cinema owners, film distributers and the ZOA House management. A festival of French films is planned, to be followed by Italian, American and English productions.

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MOSHAV ARUGOT near Gedera celebrated its fifth anniversary on Monday night.

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SIX PERSONS were injured in a scuffle which arose in Akir Ma'bara on Monday night because some of the neighbours had not been invited to a *Brit Milah* ceremony. One person was arrested.

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THE JERUSALEM Chamber Music Society, revived after a lapse of two years, will hold monthly concerts at the Menorah Club next season. Ensembles from Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem will be engaged for these concerts, which will endeavour to present modern in addition to the classical works, which will constitute the main body of the programmes.

WILENSKA LEADS TRIP TO MOSCOW

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A seven-woman delegation left today by S.A.S. to Istanbul on the way to Moscow for a three-week visit as guests of the Soviet Women's Anti-Fascist Committee. The delegation is composed of Mesdames E. Wilenska, M.K., Leah Goldberg, the poetess, Hana Rosh, A. Smira Huri, a Nazareth teacher, G. Gurovich, a Tel Aviv worker, Alisa Nikola, a Tel Aviv housewife, and Lulu Savage, a Nazareth housewife.

The delegation will travel by train from Istanbul to Sofia and from there by Soviet plane to Moscow. Expenses to Sofia are covered by funds raised by the Israel League of Democratic Women, while the rest will be covered by the hosts.

The ladies were seen off at the airport by the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Mr. M. [illegible]pov, and a large group of Communist and Left Socialist women.

Aboard the same plane were two Arab children, one from Nazareth and the other from Kafr Yasif. They are on their way to Bulgaria to join a group of 14 Israel children having a month's vacation there. *(Itim)*

HERZOG TO HEAD YESHIVA GROUP

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. H. Herzog has agreed to head the presidium of Mifal Hatorah which also includes Rabbis Frank and Unterman, the organization has announced.

Mifal Hatorah serves as a central body representing more than 80 yeshivot throughout the country.

One of its major functions is to provide medical services to some 5,000 yeshiva students.

Strike Endangers Fillet, Meat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Because of a wage dispute, the Labour Council here today called a strike at the Palestine Cold Storage and Supply Company in Rehov Hanamal, one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the country.

The Council published a newspaper advertisement calling on all owners of goods in cold storage there to remove them within three days during which the workers will continue to operate the refrigeration plant.

Some 4,000 tons of perishable goods, estimated at between IL.2m. and IL.3m., are stored in the company's 12,000 cubic metre refrigerated space. There is no possibility of transferring them elsewhere because no other storage space of such a size is vacant in Haifa or elsewhere. One of the largest clients of the company is the Government, which has considerable supplies of meat and fish fillet stored there.

The company employs 45 workers, and they are demanding the adjustment of their wages to those paid to their colleagues in the company's Tel Aviv plant. The Labour Council states that the company has rejected this demand.

The management has declined to make any statement on the dispute. It is known that a meeting is to be held tomorrow between representatives of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the company and the Haifa Labour Council, and that the Government Labour Relation's Officer will attempt to mediate. It could not be ascertained here today whether the Government's newly enacted emergency regulation for the operation of essential services will apply in this case upon whose quick settlement depends the fate of large quantities of perishable foods.

12,849 Housing Units Planned

The Ministry of Labour Housing division has completed all administrative preparations for building 12,849 immigrant dwelling units under the 1954-55 budget, it was learned in Jerusalem following the Labour Minister's announcement of a two-year plan to replace tin and canvas huts with 11,000 permanent homes.

During the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the Housing division contracted for 12,849 units, of which 223 have already been constructed. The two-year plan provides for 4,750 units to be built by housing companies, and the rest by the Ministry of Labour directly. Each housing estate has been placed near a *ma'bara*, even when it adjoins an urban centre. The transfer of immigrants from town to country does not appear to have guided the Ministry's plan, which includes a dozen immigrant suburbs in the heavily-populated coastal plain.

Jerusalem heads the list with 700 units, followed by Tiberias — 580 dwellings, Natanya—530, Ramat Hasharon—400, and other places with 380 and less. The price of each unit ranges from IL.2,800 to IL.3,400, according to size and position. The Ministry has ceased building the uniform 30 sq. metre unit because it proved too small for the average family. Each bungalow now occupies 45 or 48 sq. metres, and consists of one room with hall, toilet and kitchen alcove. The single room may be divided or supplemented by another room at the owner's expense.

The building programme for 1953-54 has a wide lee-way to overcome. On that year's budget, 15,066 immigrant housing units were contracted for, but only 8,861 were actually finished from April 1953 until the end of July. The pace has quickened of late, as 1,143 houses went up in July alone. Another 5,235 bungalows are in process of building. But the remainder have not been started yet.

BETTER PRICE FOR FEWER ORANGES

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday.— Citrus exports this year may reach the $34m. mark earned last year, despite the anticipated smaller crop of oranges, Mr. H. Isakson told Itim on taking off for London to join the Citrus Marketing Board delegation there.

The shortage will be made good by higher prices of which, Mr. Isakson said, there were already promising indications; by sending lemons and clementines; and by exporting a smaller type of orange, 120 to a crate, which had never been exported before.

Indian Technicians Join Bedek

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Some 20 Jewish aircraft technicians from India will arrive from Bombay within six months to join the Bedek establishments at the Lydda Airport, according to Mr. Daniel Agronsky, of Bedek Ltd., who returned by TWA today from a visit to India, Turkey and Greece.

A Greek technician is expected to arrive here next week to see whether Bedek is able to work for the Greek airlines. In Turkey, too, the Civil Aviation authorities expressed interest in the repair facilities offered by Bedek, Mr. Agronsky told ITIM.

MACK TRUCK CHIEF HERE FOR TALKS

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Vice-President of the American Mack Motor Truck Co., Mr. Fred Beardslee, arrived from Paris by TWA last night for a week's visit. He is to discuss with Kaiser-Frazer, which represents Mack here, an increase in the export of Kaiser-Frazer cars and the increased use of locally-made parts in cars assembled here.

SUBAYEFF TO IZMIR

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Zalman Subayeff left this afternoon in the s.s. Kedmah for Turkey, where he will attend the Izmir Fair. He was accompanied by Mr. S. Perlstein, M.K., Mr. A. Hirshberg the Ministry's Press Officer, four journalists and a Press photographer.

Bus Firms Offered Fuel Rise Rebate

At a meeting between the Directors General of the Ministries of Finance and Communications and representatives of the bus cooperatives on Monday, the cooperatives were told that in view of their demands, which are based on increased costs, including that of fuel, the following savings, achieved with the Government's help, had to be taken into account:

(a) a saving of IL.800,000 in the acquisition of the last 100 buses because the cooperatives were permitted to buy in ready cash instead of on four-year credit terms, as was the practice until now.

(b) a definite saving in the purchase of spare parts, for the same reason.

The Government made the following offers to the cooperatives:

(a) A reduction of over IL.100,000 in the final account for the Chausson buses.

(b) A yearly refund of IL.360,000 to replace the recent rise in fuel.

(c) A IL.1m. credit arrangement on easy terms for the purchase of new buses.

The representatives of the bus cooperatives expressed dissatisfaction with the Government's proposals but said that they would be taken up at meetings of their Directors.

Meanwhile it was announced in Tel Aviv last night that the bus companies may decide on a strike if Mr. S. Goren of the Cooperative Centre fails to reach a compromise between the companies and the Government within a week. This was decided on yesterday by managers of Egged, Dan and Hamkasher.

Deaths by Car, Snake

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — An unidentified elderly man was killed today by a private car on Rehov Halevy here. The car was driven by Mr. Mordecai Honigsfeld, of Tel Aviv.

Itshak Trivak, 36, of Ramle was killed when the truck in which he travelled overturned on the Masmiya-Nahshon road early this morning. The driver, Simha Wohl, also of Ramle, was arrested.

Moshe Hillel, 58, of Bnei Atarot, died yesterday from a snake bite received while working in the field.

EGYPT MAC

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at kilometre 95 on the Gaza road, were received with great surprise in Israel circles. It was recalled that Israel left the Israel-Jordan MAC when its Chairman introduced the theory that legally-watertight proof was necessary to support Israel complaints. It had been understood from the beginning of the work of the Mixed Armistice Commissions here that the Commissions are bodies of officers who judge on the value of military evidence. There is no shadow of a doubt that the Egyptians blew up the water pipe to the Negev. Now, there will be found in the annals of the U.N. the Egyptian clause blaming Israel for "utmost disregard" of the Armistice Agreement, while the Egyptian record will remain spotless.

The "rump" Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission meeting in Jerusalem yesterday denounced Israel for "a flagrant breach of the armistice" which allegedly took place in the Sheikh Madh Kur area in the Judean Hills, on August 13.

A resolution adopted by the votes of Chairman, Commander E. Hutchison, and the Jordan delegation accused Israel troops of having penetrated into Jordan territory and having attacked an Arab Legion patrol with rifle, automatic and mortar fire killing one Jordan soldier. The resolution also claimed that the Israel forces had captured an Arab Legionnaire, Ahmed Aboud, while still on Jordan territory.

It further alleged that Israel forces had refused to allow a U.N. military observer to investigate the incident from the Israel side and demanded the immediate return of the captured Legionnaire.

NEABS reports a new outbreak between Israel and Jordanian soldiers in a village in the Hebron district yesterday.

According to the report, 11 Israel soldiers entered Jordan territory and met up with Jordan forces. Both sides immediately opened fire. Both the Jordanians and Israelis received military reinforcements and continued the exchange of fire for a long period. A Jordan policeman was wounded, NEABS said.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Eggs: 2, Lamed 15, temp. 5. Rice: 250 gms. on Aleph cards and 200 gms. on Bet cards, Lamed 3, temp. 21. Frozen meat: for invalids with Red. Asm cards, 300 gms.

TEL AVIV: Eggs: 3, Lamed 15, temp. 5. Expectant mothers: 6 coupon 4. Vegetarians: 5, Lamed 20. Poultry: Expectant mothers: 750 gms. coupon 3 and 4. Elderly persons: 500 gms. Mem Heh 14. Invalids: 500 gms. Het Aleph 1. Het Bet 7.

Water Back In Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Water flowed normally into Jerusalem yesterday and no quarter of the Capital was 'dry' by nightfall.

The decision to supply power to the pumps immediately was reached after negotiations were held between Mr. Y. Peled, Director General of the Ministry of Development; Mr. A. Rutenberg, Director of the Palestine Electric Company, and his assistants; and representatives of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation.

Under the agreement, the Palestine Electric Corporation agreed on behalf of the Jerusalem company, to accept payment of the old debt of IL.60,000 in monthly instalments over a period of two years. The agreement also provided that, of the current debt, IL.4,000 be paid today; IL.3,000 on Friday, and the balance of IL.2,800 during next week.

Mr. E. Eliachar, Deputy Mayor, again pointed out yesterday that the Government's delay in forwarding promised financial aid was seriously hampering its activities. He said that of more than IL.800,000 promised in various grants, only IL.50,000 had been forthcoming in the first five months of the current fiscal year.

'Romek' Charges Being Negotiated

The preliminary investigation of the five men accused in the Marein attempted robbery case was deferred yesterday as the result of an agreement reached between prosecution and defence counsels.

The investigation of Reuven Grinberg (Romek), Yitzhak Gutman, Ezra Yegnes, Yosef Shaul and Yehuda Tov was scheduled to begin yesterday. During the morning, however, discussions on the text of the charges were held in the Court lobby between the Assistant District Attorney, Mr. H. Cohen, and Counsels Y. Hagler, S. Tusia-Cohen, S. Tamir and Y. Yegnes.

By mutual agreement, Mr. Cohen then asked Jerusalem Magistrate A. Eden to postpone the preliminary investigation without setting a definite date. The detention of several of the accused, which ended yesterday, was extended, by mutual consent, for three additional days.

The investigation will probably begin today.

Galilee Hashish Planting Investigated

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Information on hashish cultivation in several immigrant settlements and *ma'barot* in the Galilee was received by Police here today, following the discovery of hashish cultivation in the Ramle area. Police units which went out to investigate the report have not yet returned. A month ago a large number of hashish plants were also discovered at the Affula *ma'bara* and several Persian immigrants were arrested. The quantity of hashish was much larger than that discovered in Ramle.

Glueck Leaves for US

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Professor Nelson Glueck, who left by Swissair after a "successful and fruitful" excavation season in the Negev, told ITIM that he hoped to come back for further research next June. Relics of the time of Abraham and the Jewish Kings were unearthed in Professor Glueck's excavations this summer. The Negev, he said, was "littered" with remains of old settlements. *(Itim)*

War for Old City Re-enacted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Explosions blackened the Old City walls, as the mass evacuation of panic-stricken Jews began yesterday under covering gun-fire from the Palmach vanguard."

The Old City of Acre was "invaded" by the Sik Or Film Company this week, and its cobbled alleys became the target of focussing movie-cameras. For the last lap of "Hill 24 Doesn't Answer," Director Thorold Dickinson chose this one-time Crusader stronghold as the location most resembling the Old City of Jerusalem.

The unit manager and scene dresser have been at work for some weeks transforming the decor before the 40-man company arrived. They draped branches over electric cables, and saw that fishermen kept their tackle out of camera-range. Opposite Acre's famed seashore cafe, a fearsome barricade of sand-bags and wire bears the notice: "No danger — filming in progress."

The film unit stays overnight in Nahariya. Mr. Dickinson hoped to finish this sequence in a fortnight, and get down to processing the takes at Herzlia Studios. Other sequences were shot at Abda, in the Negev, at Isfiah on the Carmel range, and in Haifa. They will form three stories connected by a central theme — the battle for Hill 24 on the road to Jerusalem.

THREE INJURED IN VILLAGE FEUD

ACRE, Tuesday. — Ali Hussein Kinani, 42, of Tamra village Western Galilee, was arrested on suspicion of the attempted murder of Assad Yassin, 28, yesterday afternoon. Yassin also from Tamra, was found unconscious and badly wounded in his head under a tree near the village.

When his family heard of his injuries, two men attacked Kinani with stones and a two-year-old child was injured and taken to the Haifa Rambam hospital. Yassin was also taken to the hospital in a serious condition and it was ascertained that he had been beaten about the head with a blunt instrument.

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TONIGHT, 9 p.m.

in Gan Ha'em,

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Thursday, Aug. 19, 9 p.m.

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For details see posters.

Havana Terrorist Blows Himself Up

HAVANA, Tuesday (Reuter). Police reported today that a terrorist who threw a bomb near a shopping centre here for an unknown reason, was blown to pieces when a second bomb exploded while he was still holding it. Four people were injured.

Police found a box of matches clutched in the man's hand. He had apparently lit the fuse of the first bomb, while the second one apparently exploded as he ran away.

ISRAELIS DISCUSS McCARRAN LAW

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Israel delegates to the International Convention of Transport workers in London last month took part in debating McCarran Law, because it affects Israel sailors who touch at American ports, Mr. Arieh Seltenfeld, of the Sailors' Union, told Itim on his return by El Al today. Mr. S. Barash, of the Histadrut Executive, was the other Israel delegate.

On his way home, Mr. Seltenfeld stopped in Naples, where two sailors from the s.s. Jerusalem are being detained, in what he termed "appalling conditions," on a charge of burglary.

Plane Finds Missing Man in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A search for a man who left his home on Sunday to pick figs ended today after an army plane discovered the man 30 kms. north-east of Beersheba. He was unconscious when found, and, although he later regained consciousness, was too weak to be questioned.

The search for Khalifa Hayun started on Sunday night, when police were informed of his disappearance by his family. A strong squad of police, aided by a tracker, searched the area for 44 hours. Khalifa was first seen from the aircraft, which signalled a police car, 300 metres away, where to find him.

Galin May Face Trial

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Mr. Uri Galin, the pilot of the Piper Cub which crashed at Ma'agan on July 29, killing 17 persons, may be brought to trial on a charge of causing death through negligence, it is learned here.

The police are continuing their investigations and will delay their decision until the Ma'agan Inquiry Commission concludes its work.

The Commission is to resume its sessions at the Tel Aviv Kirya tomorrow.

BEGIN ASKS RECAPTURE OF GAZA STRIP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel should ask the U.N. General Assembly to issue a declaration calling on Egypt to evacuate the Gaza Strip, an integral part of Israel, Mr. Menahem Begin, head of the Herut Party, told a press conference yesterday in Jerusalem.

If such a declaration was given and ignored by Egypt, Israel should use force; if the declaration was not given, the Strip must be retaken, he said.

Mr. Begin claimed that a "local action against Gaza would not precipitate a general war because the Arab States, at present, were not strong enough to defeat Israel. But the situation was destined to change in several years since both the U.S. and the U.K. were arming the Arab states." He denied that these arms could stop a Communist onslaught, nor were they intended to, since the West had declared it would defend the area with atomic weapons. U.S. policy was not "anti-Israel in intent, only in result, and it was the result which counted," he said.

Mr. Begin could not promise that Egypt, after losing the Gaza Strip would not declare war on Israel at some future date. But, he argued, Egypt would be deprived of a great "strategic base" and would be forced to launch her attack across a desert.

He rejected as erroneous the impression that the British evacuation of the Suez Canal had changed the security of Israel. But it did have very disquieting results. In 20 months the British would hand over an extremely valuable base to the Egyptians which could turn it against Israel.

Compromise in Tabha Building Dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The dispute between the Tiberias Labour Council and Mr. Na'aman Bakhdur, the Nazareth contractor who is building the monastery hostel at Tabha village, was concluded yesterday with the signing of an agreement regulating the deduction of contributions for the building workers' insurance fund from their wages.

As a compromise, 11% of the wages would be deducted for the fund, instead of the 18.2% originally demanded by the Council and which the contractor had refused outright. Mr. Bakhdur also undertook to pay strike pay to the 40 workers who downed tools for two days.

SHILUMIM OPENS BREMEN BRANCH

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—A third branch of the Shilumim Corporation mission has been opened in Bremen, it was announced here today. Branches of the mission operate in Hamburg and Western Berlin. Its headquarters are in Cologne.

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Workers will continue to operate the refrigeration of the store for another three days.

Owners of goods are warned that after three days they are leaving their goods at the above store at their own risk and responsibility.

Haifa, August 17.

Iraq's Umma Party Decides to Dissolve

BAGHDAD, Tuesday. — The Umma Socialist Party, which won 22 seats in the general elections on June 9, has dissolved itself. The decision was announced today by the Party's deputy leader, Senator Tewfik Wahbi.

The announcement said that the majority of party members felt that if the Party continued in its present form it would hinder their true service to the nation, and that the party should therefore dissolve itself so that its members might enter the forthcoming general election in their individual capacity.

The Constitutional Union Party of Nuri e-Said dissolved itself immediately after he formed his present cabinet.

The talks between the Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salem, and Premier Nuri e-Said which began yesterday took up the question of a unified foreign policy between Arab states in the face of the present international trends, informed sources said here today.

They stated that the conference is also taking up the questions of strengthening the Arab League and consolidating the Arab collective security pact. *(Reuter, UP)*

Syrian Parties End Election Boycott

The Syrian e-Shaab Party has decided to end its boycott of the forthcoming parliamentary elections, Radio Ramallah reported yesterday. The Nationalist Party is now negotiating with the leaders of the e-Shaab Party in an effort to form a joint bloc for the elections.

Visits to Western Wall 'Impractical'

Due to the "unfortunate tension" between Israel and Jordan, it is evident that a "practical arrangement cannot be worked out" at present to permit American Jews to cross into the Old City and worship at the Western Wall, Mr. Henry A. Byroade, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State, wrote to Rabbi Eliezer Silver on June 30, according to a copy of the letter received in Jerusalem yesterday.

Mr. Byroade was answering an appeal by Rabbi Silver, President of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America, who attended the Fourth World Congress of Agudat Yisrael in Jerusalem.

EDC

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not so far been favourable to the French suggestion that the West leave open the possibility of another four-power meeting in the hope of easing the passage of E.D.C. through a French Assembly.

The latest E.D.C. troubles link up closely with the forthcoming Western reply to Moscow's proposals for a new conference on Germany. The U.S. and Britain favour rejection of Moscow's proposals for an all-European conference and a Big Four meeting which the Soviets suggested in two notes on July 24 and August 4.

But French hesitations are seriously affecting the drafting of the reply and it will now probably be delayed until after the crucial E.D.C. conference. The French want to test Russia's plans once more on the German problem before final decision is taken on the European Army. *(Reuter, UP)*

Mendes-France

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and American Governments are reported lined up against any basic changes which would require re-ratification by the four nations which have already approved the fact.

Observers said there are three possible courses the five powers can take in Brussels:

1. Reject the French plan in toto, in which case M. Mendes-France and his advisers doubt they can muster enough votes to pass the European Army plan as it now stands.
2. Accept the compromise which would mean that it could be rammed through the French Assembly.
3. Propose counter-modifications to the French plan, which seems the most probable of the three and which many French supporters of the E.D.C. are hoping for.

In the latter case M. Mendes-France must dredge up the necessary majority of 314 votes in the National Assembly, without the support of the Communists, a large segment of the de Gaullists, and 53 anti-EDC Socialists, for passage of the Bonn and Paris treaties.

Clearing the Court

KAMPALA, Uganda, Tuesday (Reuter).— The Court cleared rapidly here today when one of 17 natives accused of shooting and wounding two white police officers had been found to be suffering from smallpox.

Cables in Brief

VATICAN. — Moscow Radio charged the Vatican yesterday with having sought to restore the Holy Roman Empire with its capital in Berlin during the last World War. It also said the Vatican became "the world citadel of American espionage" after the arrival there of Mr. Myron Taylor, ex-President Truman's personal representative.

WHISKY KING. — John Arthur Dewar, racehorse owner and chairman of the whisky firm of John Dewar and Sons, died at Montecatini, Italy, on Sunday at 63. Dewar gave over £100,000 to London Hospitals.

POLIO. — The Government of Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday ordered all public elementary schools, kindergartens and infant centres closed until further notice because of a spreading polio epidemic, in which 3 victims of the disease have been hospitalized.

SCHOONER. — The Russian schooner Alfa, which was reported missing six days ago, put in at Plymouth, England yesterday for food, fuel and water. Its skipper told reporters it had been blown off the shipping lanes in bad weather and its radio transmitter had broken down.

Salem's Interpretion Of Suez Canal Agreement

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). —"The New York Times" reports from Cairo on a booklet published by Major Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance, in which he explains the conditions for the reactivation of the Suez Canal base.

"Neither an attack on Israel by a non-Middle East power nor an attack by Israel on an Arab League state will be considered cause for the British "returning," according to the interpretation by Salem.

"Britain and Egypt agreed that the former had no right to use the base in case of an attack on Israel. However this stipulation did not appear in the published text," the "Times" report said.

Salem is also quoted as saying that the Suez settlement precipitated a political crisis in Israel and the Cabinet asked Prime Minister Sharett to resign for having failed to prevent the agreement on Suez.

An unidentified army officer told the "Times" correspondent that there are some difficulties over financial matters that stand in the way of concluding the final draft, but completion of the draft is expected on or about September 3.

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PLANNED IMMIGRATION

IT is a pity that the plan of the Jewish Agency to send new immigrants direct to rural settlements was not handled as smoothly as expected, at the first real encounter with the problem which took place when six hundred immigrants arrived from North Africa on Friday. It appears that there was a lack of co-ordination with the Agricultural Council which was informed of the new arrivals only thirty-six hours beforehand but which had nevertheless arranged for the proper reception of more than thirty families in villages which they had designated. Despite this fact the Jewish Agency representatives insisted on sending fifty families to the village of Dishun. It was only after much discussion that the Jewish Agency representative on the spot was convinced that this village could not take them. Accordingly the plan was changed again and they were then sent to Revaya which happened to have accommodation vacant. The fact was overlooked that this accommodation was not designed for the group which arrived on Friday but was intended for another group whose immigration is still being organized and for whom detailed plans to settle in this particular village had been worked out. Accordingly many returned to immigrant camps.

It would be a great pity if the fine conception of bypassing the long and discouraging stay in the immigrant camp which previous immigrants had suffered were to misfire because of lack of planning, or coordination with bodies who have the necessary experience. The kind of joint council suggested in Agency quarters yesterday, as reported by our Tel Aviv Bureau, seems to contain the answer to any tendency towards bumbledom in this very sensitive area.

The experience of the past three years and the breathing space which the slackening in immigration afforded have given the Jewish Agency an opportunity to go in for constructive planning in order to avoid the growth of new ma'barot and the concentration of new immigrants near the large cities. If the plan to settle them immediately on arrival in the rural areas is to succeed then the consultative machinery must be improved in order to include those advisory rural bodies which are actually acquainted with real conditions and which can estimate in detail the absorptive capacity of every agricultural centre and the capacity of the inhabitants to welcome and assist newcomers.

SIR FRANCIS EVANS

THE fact that Sir Francis Evans, the British Ambassador in Israel, has now completed his tour of duty in this country and will now be replaced, will be received with regret. The United Kingdom envoy, from the very start, has discharged his duties in a spirit of friendliness and understanding and has been untiring in his efforts to acquaint himself with the life of a new nation in the throes of fighting for its real political and economic independence.

In a speech in London on the eve of his appointment as Minister to Israel in 1951 Sir Francis noted that Israel stood at the turning point in its development. A democracy had been enthroned there and sound and substantial institutions has been established. He naturally stressed the "profound importance of friendship" between the United Kingdom and Israel.

As his tour of duty ends, the Ambassador will now be in a position to assess the progress made by the new democracy and the stability it has attained, both absolutely and in comparison with the unstable regimes with which it is surrounded. He might also be able to convey more directly to the authorities in Britain the profound perplexity and uneasiness with which the latest developments in British policy are viewed in this country, particularly the most recent reports of British intentions to follow up the abandonment of the Suez area by a grant of arms to Egypt, which can only disturb that balance of forces in the area which Her Majesty's Government had solemnly undertaken to maintain.

INDIA ANXIOUS OVER SEATO

Neutralist Countries 'in Danger of Involvement'

By PHILIP DEANE

NEW DELHI, (OFNS). — INDIA is seriously considering whether or not to use all her influence in opposition to the South East Asian Treaty Organization primarily and to a Middle East defence organization accessorily.

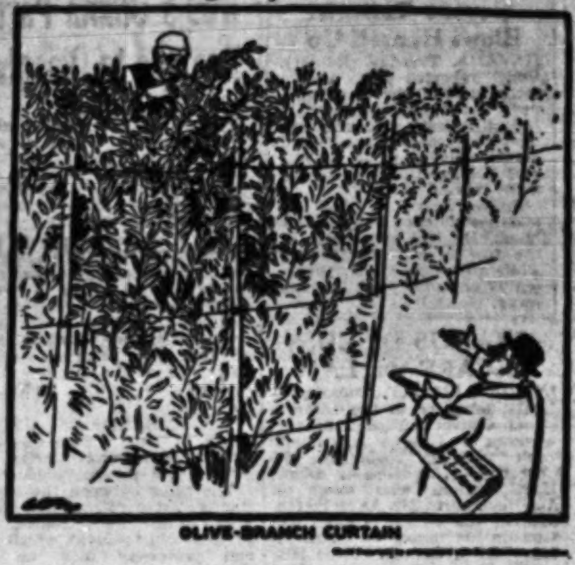
This, I am authoritatively informed, is not out of a desire to help the Communists. On the contrary, India feels conditions in the Middle East and in South-east Asia are such that Western moves to form defence organizations in these areas might conceivably help the Communists by making a show of "the inability for concerted action which characterizes the non-Communist Powers."

Indian diplomats point out that SEATO will always be suspected of backing colonialism, since in Malaya — to take one case — the Communists fight not against a native government but against a colonial regime. In the Middle East, on the other hand, fighting Western control, privileges, and influence was "until yesterday" the principal political manifestation. For most Middle Eastern countries, according to the Indians, joining a Western pact can only be an unpopular but unavoidable step taken in exchange for dollars.

The Indians claim Middle Eastern countries (Turkey excepted) are not haunted by thoughts of Communist danger; they want money or they want to increase their military strength for "neighbourhood" reasons — to deal with Israel in the case of, say, Egypt, and to deal with India in the case of Pakistan. Therefore, my informants say, Western overtures are bound to meet with a half-hearted response.

India does not want to provoke the Communists and does not want to "push China further into the arms of Soviet Russia" by aggressive moves. Many of India's diplomats cannot accept the Western thesis that SEATO would be a purely defensive arrangement, because of the intention to include in SEATO Syngman Rhee of South Korea and Chiang Kai-shek of Nationalist China, who make no attempt to hide their desire for an attack on North Korea and on the Chinese mainland.

The Indians do show some anxiety at the current sponsoring by Peking of Siamese and Nepalese anti-government exiles. These have been allowed the use of the Chinese Communist radio to call for revolts in Thailand and Nepal. Communist propaganda has been accusing the Thai Government of Fascism and the Nepalese Government of harbouring American spies and "diversionists" who are preparing "military bases" in the Himalayas.



OLIVE-BRANCH CURTAIN

SEATO 'Offensive'

The tendency in Delhi now is to say that all this is caused by the fact that the Communists feel SEATO is being prepared as an offensive weapon against them, and therefore are trying to keep the Americans as distant as possible from China's frontiers. This, it is felt here, might undo all the good work of Geneva ;and it would be wiser for the sake of peace to give the Indo-China settlement a fair trial and leave SEATO aside, concentrating on a programme of simple economic aid with no strings attached.

Generally Delhi considers it unfortunate that economic aid is being coupled with SEATO for fear this may allow the Communists to present economic aid as an instrument for enforcing United States policies.

The double threat to the potential neutralist zone in both the Middle East and South Asia is in fact a major worry here. In the Indian view, neutralist countries are in danger of "involvement." Burma would look with favour on any moves to help it improve its economy, not through aid in the form of gifts, but in the form of loans and possibly foreign investment, encouraged or even guaranteed by some international body functioning along the lines of the World Bank. And even though Burma might not like to join SEATO, circumstances could arise in which she might not object to being protected by it.

Indonesia, according to reports reaching Delhi, while still opposing SEATO for the same reasons as India, is interested in the prospects of economic aid, preferably along the lines advocated by Burma.

The attraction of United States aid has already caused a split in the Ceylonese Government. It is well known here that Prime Minister Sir John Kotelawala favours renouncing trade with China in exchange for United States aid. His Minister of Commerce, Mr. R. G. Senanayake, resigned on this issue, and is now attacking the Prime Minister constantly in Parliament.

It is to reconcile these apparent divergences in the views of the Colombo Powers that Sir John Kotelawala is trying to arrange a new meeting of the Colombo Powers, despite an initial rebuff from India.

Neo-Nazis' Insolent Propaganda

By A Special Correspondent

BERLIN. — AS Germany is joining the concert of Europe, an increasingly strident new voice is being heard. It is the propaganda conducted by an organization called "Victims of De-Nazification" which has attracted attention in recent months. It claims a membership of three millions, including 900,000 former inmates of Allied internment camps. The "Victims" are of course double-dyed Nazis who seek to regain power by the peculiar trick of denouncing De-Nazification. They now pose as the persecuted, brimming over with righteous indignation. They have by no means fared badly. At all events they are sufficiently well off to publish two substantial periodicals, "Der Staatsbuerger" (The Citizen) and "Die Anklage" (Indictment) and in their style of abusive and aggressive vituperation they take no pains to conceal the Nazi hallmark.

Under the characteristic title "De-Nazificateion — The Crime against the German People", the "Anglage", for example, recently wrote: "What were the motives that turned De-Nazification into a looting operation, a highway robbery, an orgy of most despicable measures against the property and life of millions of former Nazis? Nothing but hate, lust of vengeance, sadistic joy in suffering, and essentially the old liberalistic hunger for material possessions and vested interests". No more flowery language was used by the Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter" in its most exuberant days.

A peremptory demand is made for "restitution". The group's Fuehrer, a Dr. Odenwald, told a meeting at Bremen: "So long as the inhuman injustice inflicted on us has not been redressed, we refuse to recognise any established authority. One day those who have harmed and tortured us will realize that justice is not mocked."

Life in the concentration camps, for example, was by no means to be despised, according to "Der Staatsbuerger." Accommodation was "excellent," it is said, and the food was always "sufficient, varied and even tasty": "Dinners in the concentration camps were very nourishing and substantial. There was a daily fat ration, in addition to sausage or fish and cheese or jam or honey." These desirable conditions are contrasted with those in Allied internment camps which are described as "not deserving to be called civilised."

When it comes to Jew-baiting, the "Victims" have not far to go for specimen arguments. They want "restitution" — how then, they clamour, can "billions of Marks" be "given away" as "presents" to Israel? But this is probably elementary. The "Victims" can tell much more ambitious stories. Their paper, "Die Anklage", has been informed by the run-away friends in Argentina, with whom they keep close and lucrative contacts, that Hitler lost the war only because traitors cheated him of the atomic secret; Einstein had his finger in the pie, and so did that "semitic clique which, by using agents in the highest Government posts of nearly all countries, seeks to win domination over the whole world"..

It seems fitting, too, that the legal authority employed by the "Victims" is Professor Friedrich Grimm, one of Hitler's most prominent corrupters of the law. He recently addressed one of their meetings on the subject "Political Administration of Justice", referring to — the Western Allies. No such addresses were delivered by the Professor in the days of the People's Court and the assassination of the Jews, remarked the "Suddeutsche Rundschau", adding that "bare-faced insolence" was the mildest term that could be applied to such performances.

Associated, and lately amalgamated, with the "Victims of De-Nazification" are the "Victims of Allied Occupation" who began their career a few months ago on the initiative of a former Hitler Youth chief, Friedrich Kemper. They demand compensation for all who were interned after the war.

Pan-German Austrians

In Austria the Nazi champions make a point of stressing the Pan-German idea. Their propaganda was conspicuous at the recent annual conference of the Union of Indepedents which adopted a programme containing these declarations: "Austria is a German State. Her policy must be designed to serve the entire German people and never to antagonize any other German State... The Union of Independents considers the German duty of Austria to be this — (1) to foster the feeling of fellowship among all Germans, and (2) to secure a foreign policy which establishes sincere and friendly co-operation with Germany".

The conference was attended by three representatives of the German Free Democratic Party, a partner in Dr. Adenauer's present coalition Government.

Irredentist propaganda is also directed, from Austria, to Italian South Tyrol, where the German-speaking minority is represented as eagerly awaiting liberation. The Rome Foreign Office journal "Italian Affairs" some time ago drew attention to dangerous activities which were carried on particularly by the Union of Independents.

In East Germany, too, nationalist propaganda is being stepped up. While canvassing recruits for the People's Police, the National Democratic Party there, founded in 1948 for the special benefit of former members of the Nazi Party, is foremost in glorifying Prussia's military tradition and the Prussian-Russian comradeship-in-arms of 1813. Their members now include a large number of former chiefs of Nazi organizations as well as army officers. The Party's publishing house, "Verlag der Nation", is distributing large quantities of so-called "patriotic literature", such as writings on Bluecher, Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Luetzow — heroes of the 1813 War of Liberation against Napoleon.

Lord Russell of Liverpool, who has resigned his post as Assistant Judge Advocate General, following his refusal to suppress his book about German war crimes. The book is called "The Scourge of the Swastika". British Foreign Office chiefs ruled that publication of the book by a high-ranking Government official would intensify public anger against German rearmament, would upset U.S. defence chiefs and strengthen anti-German feeling in France. The British Lord Chancellor, Lord Simonds, was instructed to warn Lord Russell that he would be sacked unless he withdrew the book.

Lord Russell is seen above holding an advance copy of the book, which shows the boots of a Gestapo-man outlining the cowering forms of concentration camp victims.

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Readers' Letters

Dr. Lowdermilk's Service to Mankind

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have no doubt that a large number of persons in this country were hurt to the quick by the report in your issue today of Mr. Arthur Gardiner's statement that Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk's plans for a Jordan Valley Authority were biassed in favour of Israel, because Dr. Lowdermilk had been an employee of the Jewish Agency, and later of the Israelis.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Poling once described Dr. Lowdermilk as being with Dr. Albert Schweitzer the greatest ethical personality of our time. That judgment is echoed by the thousands who have worked under and with Dr. Lowdermilk on four continents and in many countries. They know his single-minded devotion to the good earth and mankind's "righteous adjustment to it." They know how basic his contribution has been to the progress of agriculture in the United States, China, North Africa, and many other countries. They know, too, how uniquely far removed he is from petty, personal considerations and how genuinely unprejudiced he is in his relation to human problems.

Dollar-a-Year Man

All his published and oral statements on the Middle East bear witness to the fact that his passionate concern with the rehabilitation of the country he likes to call the Holy Land has always been supplemented by a belief that the *whole* of the Middle East must be aided quickly to raise its living standards through scientific utilization of its soil and water resources. As one of the world's leading soil conservationists, Dr. Lowdermilk simply cannot think and never has thought in narrow, political terms; the proper use of natural resources inevitably implies regional development.

To the best of my knowledge, Dr. Lowdermilk has never been an employee of the Jewish Agency and served the Israel Government only as a dollar-a-year man, doing most of his work in this country under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization. His plans for the JVA were conceived while he was the Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Bureau of the United States and were actually the result of his 1938-1939 visit to this country in the course of an extended study tour of soil uses undertaken for the United States Government.

A whispering campaign to the effect that Dr. Lowdermilk had been "bought by the Jews" was perhaps inevitable, but he provided the very best answer to it himself about ten years ago, when a distinguished friend of his asked him bluntly: "Can it to be true, Walter, that the Jews have given you a million dollars for your Jordan Valley scheme?" Dr. Lowdermilk likes to tell how without a moment's hesitation he answered, "Don't you understand that I couldn't afford to take a million dollars even if they offered it? My professional reputation is all that I have to live for and by. I can't sell it for any sum."

The scientific world knew very well that Dr. Lowdermilk had not sold his professional and personal integrity. Many of his most important assignments were entrusted to him in the year after the promulgation of the JVA and all the publicity attendant upon it. He has served as an adviser on land use to the United States Military Government in Japan; adviser to the of World water resources and prob- French Government on conservation problems in North Africa; secretary of President Truman's Commission on National Water Resources; and most recently analyst for the U.N. on world water resources and problems.

Surely, the chief economic adviser of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department must be aware of a least some of these facts and must realise that in casting aspersions upon Dr. Lowdermilk's reliability he is slurring one of America's noblest public servants, one of the prophets of a better day for all mankind.

Yours, etc.
SHULAMITH SCHWARTZ
Jerusalem, August 11.

REGISTRATION OF ARABS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We refer to your item of August 11, "Registration of Arabs for Army 'Going Slowly'." In order to carry out the registration of Arabs and other minority groups, it was necessary to send out two special mobile units composed of people who know Arabic. They started work according to schedule, but in one case car trouble caused a delay in the arrival of the unit, and in another the registration had to go on for an additional day, so that it had to be postponed at the next stop. Because of distances and difficulties in communication, it was not possible to notify Headquarters until the following day. As soon as we notified them, a third working unit was sent out.

It is to be regretted that these mishaps occurred and that any discomfort was caused to those waiting to be registered.

Yours, etc.
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
Jerusalem, August 12.

STENOGRAPHERS IN THE KNESSET

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—An item appeared in *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday to the effect that the Greenwald libel trial was postponed until Thursday morning because the stenographic team was unexpectedly called to the Knesset to record committee meetings. This gives a completely erroneous impression.

In view of the shortage of experienced stenographers, Knesset employees who serve in this capacity were given permission to assist at the trial on condition that they did so only on the days they were not required to record either in the full sessions of the Knesset or at its committees. There was therefore nothing "unexpected" in the fact that they could not perform this service on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and there is no connection between this normal state of affairs and the postponement of any judicial procedure.

Yours etc.
MOSHE ROSETTI
Secretary of the Knesset
Jerusalem, August 17.

NATURE NOTES

Royal Eagle

A YOUNG man cycling round the world reported having been attacked by an eagle in Syria, and the public seems to be impugning his veracity. He is probably telling the plain truth, though he seems to have given no details. Eagles have been known to attack grown humans often enough, but as far as I know never without provocation: trying to rob an eagle's nest, or shooting or wounding one of the pair. If the mate finds the hunter near the dead or wounded partner, he may try "revenge," to use an anthropomorphic expression for want of a better one.

We have ten species of eagle (*Ayit*), but some of them are rare, and others only come in winter. The most widespread is the Serpent eagle (Circaetus gallicus) whom I once had the good fortune to see rising with a snake in his fangs. He is a summer breeder. Bonelli's eagle (Hieraatus fasciatus) is also fairly common. He is a resident nestling in the hills, appreciably smaller than the other. Possibly the cyclist's assailant might have been the fine White-tailed sea-eagle (Haliaetus albicilla) who certainly still nests in Syria.

All three species can be seen at Tel Aviv's Biological Station.

P.A.

Automatic Navigator For Jet Fighters

MODERN jet airplanes move so fast that it is extremely difficult for the pilot to keep track of his location. A few minutes flight off his course and he can be lost. He must constantly check his speed and direction to keep track of his approximate position.

A remarkable new instrument called a "ground position indicator" is now being built to do this navigational reckoning automatically for the pilot. Regardless of how much he turns and twists the plane at high speed, the new instrument constantly shows him the plane's position — and gives him a reading expressed in latitude and longitude.

Developed by the Ford Instrument Company at Long Island City, New York, the ground position indicator has almost 2,000 parts, but occupies less than one-and-a-half cubic feet of space. Commercial airlines whose routes are mainly over water and remote from airway beacons have shown a keen interest in the new device.

(USIS)

Lebanon Gets Moslem Ultimatum

Six Demands May Precipitate Moslem-Christian War

By RALPH K. POLAD

BEIRUT (NANA), — HALF-Christian, half-Moslem Lebanon is facing the threat of a religious struggle, if Moslem demands for more privileges are not met this week.

The National Committee, representing Lebanese Moslem civic and youth organizations, has sent an ultimatum with six demands to the Government. If the regime refuses to accede, the Committee has threatened a general strike of shops and factories, a boycott by the Moslem-owned meat, dairy, and vegetable industries — and, inevitably, bloodshed.

The Moslem group's demands include more and higher civil service positions for Moslems and the granting of Lebanese nationality to thousands of Moslem immigrants who have flocked to this tiny "land of minorities" from neighbouring states in the past few years. Christians are opposed to these demands on the grounds that they would shake the present balance between the religious groups and turn Lebanon into a Moslem country, like the rest of her Arab neighbours.

The Moslem ultimatum came after three days of strikes, riots, and street clashes with the police last week. More than 60 persons were injured, five critically. News of the disturbances were held from the outside world by hastily-clamped censorship on outgoing cables.

The disturbances started over a booklet written seven years ago by an unknown Christian law student and bank employee, George Shakar. The publication was recently brought to public attention when three Moslems filed suit against Shakar, claiming his writing insulted the prophet Mohammed.

When the courts delayed sentence, Moslem sheikhs led angry demonstrations in the streets, demanding Shakar's head. Under Lebanese law, the maximum punishment for insulting a religion or a "Prophet" is three years' imprisonment.

Fearing lynching, Shakar went into hiding, while Moslems rioted in Beirut streets and forced Christian as well as Mohammedan shops and business places to close down. Business was at a complete standstill in the capital and in the coastal towns where Moslems are stronger. In Beirut, rioters overturned cars and streetcars and set them on fire, smashed shop windows.

Army Called Out

Opponents of the present government, including Communists, fully exploited the religious quarrel for partisan purposes and tried to bring about the downfall of the Premier, Abdullah Yafi. To check violence between the rioters and police, Yafi called the army.

Riots stopped on the fourth day and business returned to normal on the fifth, after a personal plea by the President of the Republic and Moslem civic leaders. But the ultimatum of the National Committee, which assumed the leadership of the dissatisfied Moslem factions, has left an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty over the country.

Christian-Moslem relations in this mountainous country of 1,300,000 inhabitants have been strained for years over the proportionate representation of each group in government, Parliament, and administrative posts.

Census Opposed

The last census taken in 1932, gave the Christians (Arabs of Catholic and Orthodox rites), a slight lead over the Moslems. Moslems now claim that their higher birthrate, immigration from neighbouring countries and emigration of Christian Lebanese to Latin America, give them the majority, and they should have a greater share in running the country. (Moslems also resent the fact that Lebanon is pictured abroad as a Christian country.)

Christian clergymen and lay leaders have doggedly opposed a new census, claiming that Moslem politicians would turn it to their advantage.

An unwritten law, known as the National Covenant of 1943, has been hitherto adhered to by members of both religions. According to this covenant, inter-religious rivalry should be kept to the minimum by making the President of the republic a Christian of the Maronite (Eastern Catholic) sect, the Prime Minister a Moslem of the Sunni sect, and the Speaker of Parliament, a Moslem of the Shii sect.

Similarly cabinet and administrative posts are divided between Christians and Moslems, with the Christians slightly in the lead. Moslems complain, however, that they are often left out of top positions. Christians say that this a question of competence, not religion.

In the past few years the Moslems have appealed in vain to the President of the Republic. This time they say they mean business. And business in this case is violence.

Yesterday's Press

Mapam Groups Remain Isolated

Commenting on the split in Mapam, "Zmanim" (Progressive) doubts whether left-wingers who cannot stand for the Cominform line of Hashomer Hatzair will find "La'Ahudt Ha'Avoda" a better alternative to Mapai. The paper does not think that the new party will find substantial backing in the cities.

"Omer" (Histadrut) believes that the "Kolektiviut Rayonit" i.e. the "democratic centralism" of Hashomer Hatzair — banning deviations from the party line — which isolated Mapam in recent years, is what caused the split in the last resort. Now "Hashomer Hatzair" again becomes a small and exclusive faction, not a party of people who are allowed to think independently, but of men and women who have taken an oath of allegiance when they were young.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) reports that "Mapam continues the struggle" and that "the party branches rally behind the party leadership." The paper maintains that about 70 per cent of the party has remained intact and that in the future the party will retain its name (which means the United Workers Party).

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) says that the split was caused not by the organizational disputes but as a result of ideological differences. The paper hopes that the party majority will no longer sabotage pro-Communist and pro-Soviet activities in this country (as it did in the past) but join the Communists in an "anti-imperialist popular front."

Ha'aretz" (Independent) reports the Mapam majority spokesman's claim that the decision of "Le'Ahdut Ha'Avoda" was an "act of political suicide," and the minority's complaint that the straight Cominformists, such as Riftin and Peri, exercised their influence in the party even after Dr. Sneh was expelled.

In its leading article "Ha'aretz" criticises the General Zionist stand on the "four per cent clause" and calls it theoretically untenable and a grave tactical error. No one can be sure that the clause will not work to the benefit of Mapai. And if the coalition is broken up, the General Zionists will be blamed.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) does not comment on the issue, but "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi) raps the General Zionists and expresses the hope that the moderate elements in that party will prevail over the hotheads and prevent a breakdown of the coalition.

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